THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

## DEMAND FOR COIR PRODUCTS

3149. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for coir and coir products has increased world-wide ;

(b) if so, what is India's share in the international coir exports ;

(c) what steps are being taken to develop export markets ; and

(d) what were the coir export earnings during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir, the demand for coir and coir products has increased world-wide.

(b) India's share in the international coir export during 1992-93 is 32354 tonnes which works out to 30 per cent of the world trade.

(c) The Coir Board, which is a statutory body, has taken various measures to boost the export of coir and coir products in the International market. The Board has undertaken joint publicity programme with coir importers Associations abroad for promoting consumption of Indian Coir in European countries. The Board also participates in International exhibitions and organises market development delegations to these countries.

(d) Export earnings during the last three years are given below :

| Year | Amount (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|
| 1990-91 | 4832.85 |
| 1991-92 | 7411.63 |
| 1992-93 | 9595.31 |

## REVIVAL PLAN FOR BHARAT OPHTHALMIC GLASS LIMITED

3150. SHRI GAYA SINGH :

SHRI JIBON ROY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Unions, Officers Association and Management jointly submitted revival plan of Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Limited on 28th July, 1993 to the Department of Heavy Industry, being the promoter of the company, for onward transmission to BIFR/IDBI.

(b) whether it is also a fact that till November, 1993, the Department of Heavy Industry have not suggested any modification of the said revival plan to the company since they have accepted it in totality and sent it to BIFR/IDBI as a revival plan of promoter ; and

(c) if not, what are the details of Government support proposed to be extended for revival of the company ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) The joint revival plan submitted by Unions, Officers' Association and Management of Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Ltd. in July 1993, has been forwarded to IDBI, the Operating Agency nominated by the BIFR, for

examining its feasibility. The future course of action will depend on BIFR's recommendations.

PERMISSION TO KFG TO SET UP RESTAURANTS IN INDIA

3151. DR. SANJAYA SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 110 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th December, 1993 and state :

(a) whether the K.F.G., a subsidiary of U.S. Soft drink giant, Pepsi Co., has also been permitted to set up chains of restaurants in India ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) M/s. K.F.G. a subsidiary of Pepsico Inc., Hong Kong have been given approval on 10th December, 1993 to set up a wholly owned subsidiary in India for setting up KFG restaurants. The restaurants will be developed and operated primarily through :

(i) joint venture between Pepsico's subsidiary and Indian Partners ;

(ii) Indian Licensees ; and

(iii) A limited number of restaurants will be operated directly by the subsidiary.

The proposal envisages investment in the equity capital of the Indian subsidiary of US $ 200,00,000.

NO-INDUSTRY DISTRICTS IN GUJARAT

3152. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Districts in Gujarat particularly in Saurashtra Region included in the list of No-industry districts ;

(b) whether Government propose to set-up industrial units in these districts during 1993-94 and 1994-95 ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) In Gujarat, Dangs has been selected as 'No-industry' district.

(b) to (d) Industrialisation of an area is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. Central Government supplements their efforts to the extent possible.

ASSISTANCE TO GUJARAT FROM NATIONAL RENEWAL FUND

3153. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any request from the Government of Gujarat for assistance from National Renewal Fund pending before the Central Government ; and

(b) if so, by when this proposal will be decided and assistance will be sanctioned to the State Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY)